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It is foolish to make professions that you do not live up to.

An aurora seen from Toronto, Canada, last year has been calculated to be 66 miles high and 2,300 miles from end to end.

Short-sightedness descends from parent to child in diagonal succession—that is, sons inherit it most frequently from their mothers, and daughters from their fathers

Miss Sopie A. Nordhoff, a former student of medicine at Washington, according to foreign papers, has been appointed a physician at the famous Woman's Clinic of Professor Von Winkel, in Munich.

AFTER TEA.

A bright little girl who had successfully spelled the word "that," was asked by her teacher what would remain after the "t" had been taken away.

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THE PROGRAMME

THE primary idea of this Programme is, of course, to enlighten the audience as to the personnel of the artists taking part in the performances, incidentally to serve as a guide to the plot of the piece, and generally to give such information as will tend to the enjoyment of the auditor.

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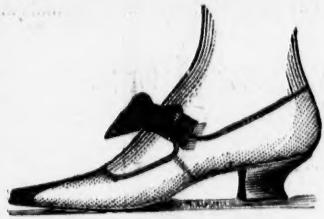

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HAD CHANGED HIS TUNE.

Striking Switchman—"Hello, Leggitt! Ain't we holding 'em level? Blamed near every road in the city tied up, and——"

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"Yes, but I live in the suburbs now. I've been two hours getting to the city this morning Darn your strike."

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Japanese aim to have all their debts paid on New Year's Day.

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There is in all Japan an average of two earthquake shocks daily.

Little Ethel—Johnny took my banana Mother—Johnny, what do you mean—— Little Johnny—It was all in the game; mamma. I said, "Let's play Broadway," and she said, "All wight," and so she got a table for a banana stand, and then I was a policeman and walked past.

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GUIDO MALESPINO ..... HARRY BROCKETT
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GONDOLIER ..... SIGNOR MODNASSI

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Wool—You ought to get an accordion

Van Pelt—I did; that's why he got the flute.

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Judge—Name? Prisoner—Smith Judge—Occupation? Prisoner—Locksmith. Judge—Officer, locksmith up.

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Synopsis.

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ACT II.—The Piazetta, Venice.

ACT III.—Villa of the Marchesa, near Venice.

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People who have great strength are also apt to have some great weakness.

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Jones—What kind?
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HE WAS BLIND.

Bertie—Were you ever engaged before?
Gladys—Was I ever engaged before! Why, Bertie, can't you see that I'm an expert.

IN DOUBT ABOUT LUXURIES.

Her Father — Suppose you marry my daughter, can you keep her?
Her Adorer—I can provide her with food and clothes, but I don't know about evading the divorce laws.

WHERE HIS ARMOR WAS WEAK.

"What's the matter with Chappie?"
"Concussion of the brain. His mother patted him on the head this morning."

DIFFERENT.

Penelope—Is that your fiancee?
Chappie—No, of course not. That's my chaperon.

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION.

Mr. Beacon—You Chicago women seem to be very fond of divorce?
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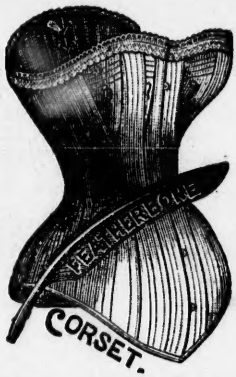

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The Owingsville, Ky., Outlook says:—James W. Hasty, a 65-year-old bachelor, was born within two miles of this place. He is a gunsmith and watch-fixer, and has not been five miles away from here in twenty-five years. He never kissed one of the fair sex in his life.

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Toper—All right, Dominie, I'll go to a brewery.

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"Do you suppose the boss gets his sugar for nothing?" was the incautious reply.

HIS WAY OF PUTTING IT.

Van Ishe—So she refused you?

Ten Brok (sadly)—Yes; in fact, she told me to go to—(whispers).

Van Ishe—Dear me! Why, I——

Ten Brok—That is, she told me to ask her father, and, as he's dead, I suppose that's what she meant.

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The first oil well in America was discovered on a small mountain farm in Wayne county, Kentucky, in the year 1829.

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"So they say."

"And the men are back at work."

"Yes."

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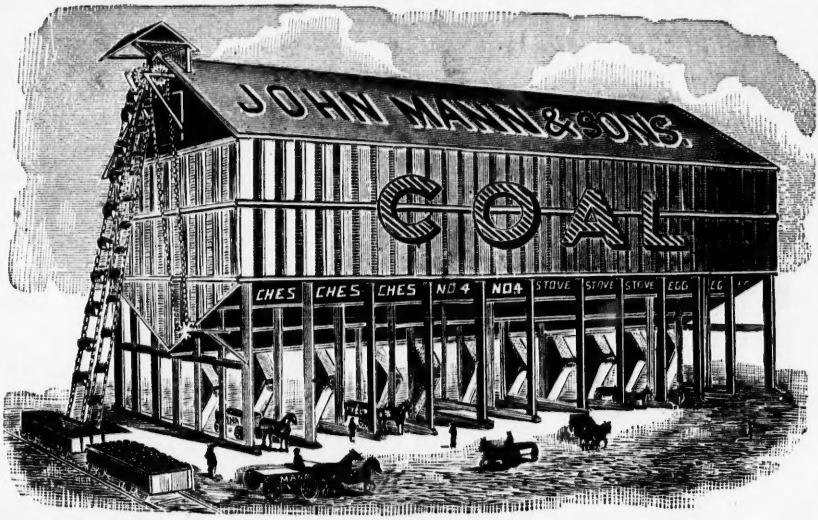

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